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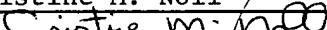
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Dear Ms. Hicks:

Enclosed herewith for filing, please find the following documents:

- Petition to Withdraw from Issuance (37 CFR §1.313)
- Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
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